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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: WALDHEIM/TURKMEN MEETING, MAY 10

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1. TURKISH PERM REP TURKMEN CALLED ON SYG WALDHEIM MID-AFTERNOON ON MAY 10. ACCORDING TO UN SECRETARIAT, TURKMEN CONVEYED MESSAGE FROM PM ECEVIT TO THE EFFECT THAT TURKEY COULD NOT AGREE WITH WALDHEIM'S STATEMENT (REFTEL) INDICATING THAT THE SYG WOULD CONTINUE HIS CONSULTATIONS IN REGARD TO RESUMING THE CYPRUS TALKS. THE TURKS BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS RESUMES. SECRETARIAT SOURCE ADDED THAT WALDHEIM REITERATED UN POSITION THAT SYG'S GOOD OFFICES ROLE REQUIRES FURTHER CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES.

2. MEANWHILE, WALDHEIM HAS APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED WITH PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU ON MAY 22 AND WITH PM ECEVIT ON JUNE 2. BOTH LEADERS ARE VISITING NEW YORK IN CONNECTION WITH THE SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT.
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FURTHER, GALINDO POHL IS CONTINUING HIS FIRST ROUND OF MEETINGS/CONSULTATIONS IN NICOSIA, BUT HE WILL NOT RPT NOT TRAVEL TO ANKARA AND ATHENS UNTIL AFTER ECEVIT'S APPOINTMENT WITH WALDHEIM. (NOTE: ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT TURKMEN DID NOT REFER TO ANKARA'S POSSIBLE REFUSAL TO RECEIVE GALINDO POHL. (USUN 1866).

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH MISOFF,
UN SECRETARIAT (SHERRY) REMARKED THAT UN'S SUGGESTION
FOR RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS, NAMELY, THAT BASIS FOR
THE RECONVENED TALKS BE BOTH THE TURKISH
PROPOSALS AND THE GREEK CYPRIOT PROPOSALS OF 1977,
HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE RESPONSES FROM TURKMEN AND ANKARA.
THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, HAS THUS FAR REFUSED
TO CONSIDER RESUMING THE TALKS EVEN IF THE TURKISH
PROPOSALS ARE ONLY ONE PART OF THE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS.
SHERRY COMMENTED THAT DURING HIS CONVERSATIONS IN
NICOSIA ON APRIL 19 WITH MICHAELIDES AND PAPADOPOULOS
BOTH BELIEVED TABLING BOTH SETS OF PROPOSALS MIGHT
FORM VALID BASIS FOR RECONVENING THE TALKS. SHERRY
SAID GALINDO POHL WILL BE PURSUING THIS UN PROPOSAL
IN HIS CONSULTATIONS IN NICOSIA DESPITE A NEGATIVE FIRST
REACTION FROM PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU. WE
CONVEYED OUR SUPPORT TO SHERRY ON THIS UN INITIATIVE.
(DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN OUR ENDORSEMENT OF THIS
INITIATIVE THAT BOTH SETS OF PROPOSALS FORM
BASIS FOR RESUMING THE CYPRUS TALKS.) YOUNG
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